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Chicago—The Convention City

BY C. T. A. ANDERSON.

CHICAGO having been selected to entertain the Luther Leaguers at the Eighth Convention of the Luther League of America, to be held from August 11 to 14, is well situated, so that it will be convenient for any one living in the United States and Canada to reach it within a day's travel.

gates and visitors if notified in time. A post office for the convention will be established in this hotel for the convenience of all Luther Leaguers. Send your mail care of Luther League of America Headquarters, Palmer House, Chicago, Ill.

Handel Hall, where the day sessions will be

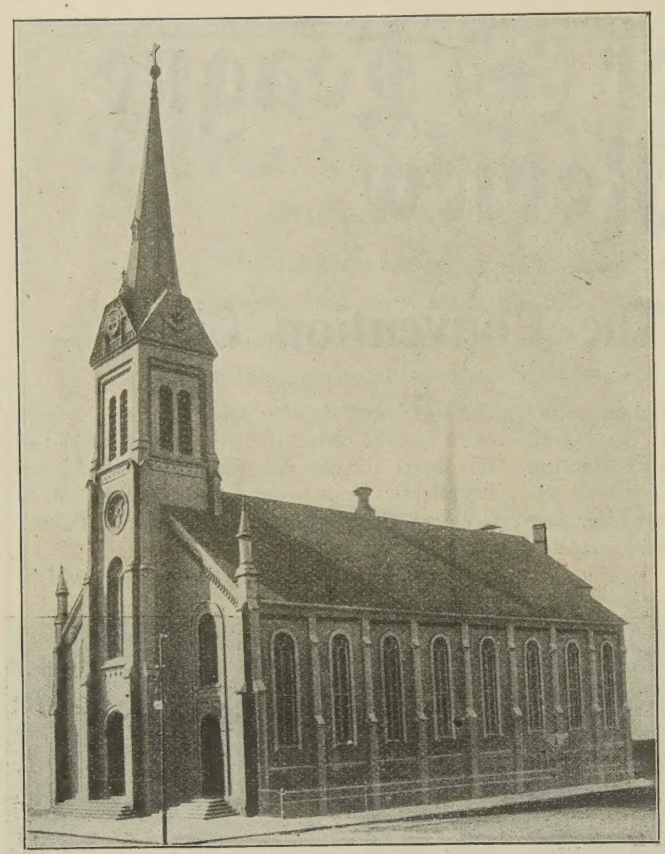
OFFICERS OF THE CHICAGO LUTHER LEAGUE AND THE FLYING SQUADRON.

Top row, reading from left to right: Louis Lindreth, Bertha Waller, corresponding secretary; Lillian Evald, recording secretary; J. Alex. Nelson, president; Martha Baker, assistant secretary; C. T. A. Anderson. Bottom row: Clarence Eiseman, Monroe Munson, J. Glendinning, ohn L. Reque, treasurer; Henry Hendrickson.

All roads lead to this great metropolis and bring you right into the heart of the city. The local committee in charge of the convention arrangements have planned to make everything convenient to all delegates and visitors who will attend. The Palmer House will be the general headquarters. All should register there upon their arrival in the city. This hostelry, situated on the corner of State and Monroe streets, has accommodations for 500 and will be glad to reserve quarters for our dele-

held, is located on Randolph street, just east of State street and next to Marshall Field & Co.'s large retail store, and only three blocks north of the Palmer House. Handel Hall seats 700 people, has several committee rooms and a large platform for the officers, speakers and reporters. All around it are numerous lunch rooms and restaurants where a good meal can be had for a reasonable charge.

Immanuel Swedish Lutheran Church, corner Sedgwick and Hobbie streets, where the recep-

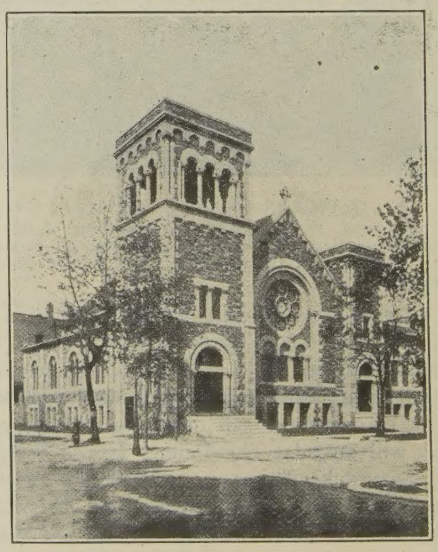


IMMANUEL SWEDISH CHURCH,
Where the first session will be held.

tion and dinner will be given to all delegates and visitors at 4 o'clock on Tuesday afternoon, August 11, and also where the opening session will be held in the evening, is a large church edifice, seating 1,500, has a commodious basement with high ceiling and several rooms, so that here it will be an easy matter to entertain a large delegation. The reception and dinner are being arranged for by the Lutheran Women's League of Chicago, an organization started during the World's Fair in Chicago, and its membership is composed of ladies representing nearly all the Lutheran churches of Chicago, and is the most unique organization of its kind in the world. To reach Immanuel Church from downtown, take Sedgwick street car or the Riverside Park car at Clark and Washington streets, opposite County Building, and ride to Hobbie street, then walk one block west to Sedgwick street, only fifteen minutes' ride.

Wicher Park Church, where the West Side rally will be held on Wednesday evening, August 12, is located in the northwest part of the city, corner Le Moyne street and Hoyne avenue. Take Logan Square branch of the Metropolitan Elevated Railway to Robey street station, walk one block west and two blocks south, or Milwaukee avenue electric car to North avenue, then walk one block west and one block south, or any car going on West Side, and transferring on Milwaukee avenue or Robey street cars. This church is a beautiful new building, just completed at a cost of $75,000, and is a great credit to the Lutherans of Chicago. It seats 1,000 people, has a splendid auditorium and special committee rooms.

Grace English Lutheran Church, where the North Side rally will be held Wednesday evening, August 12, is situated on the corner of Larrabee street and Belden avenue, North Side, seats about 800 people and can be reached from downtown in twenty

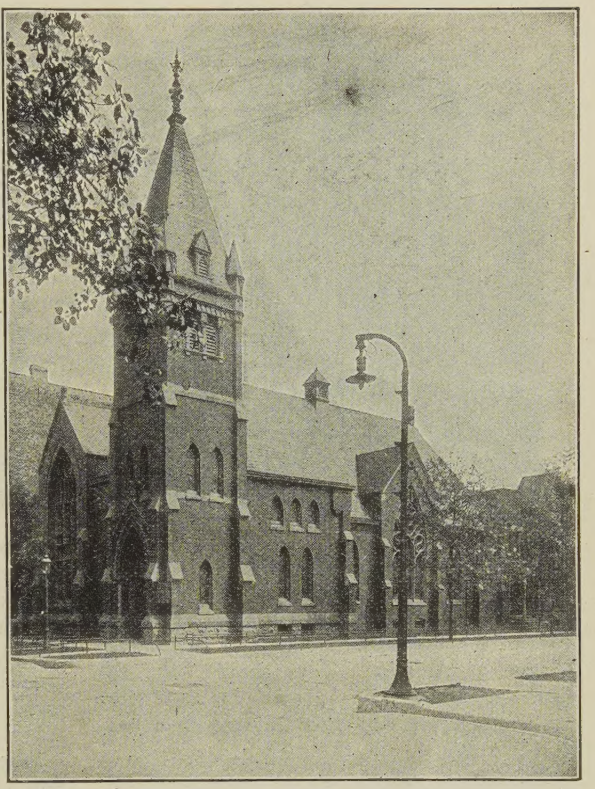


WICKER PARK CHURCH,
Where one of the Wednesday evening sessions will be held.

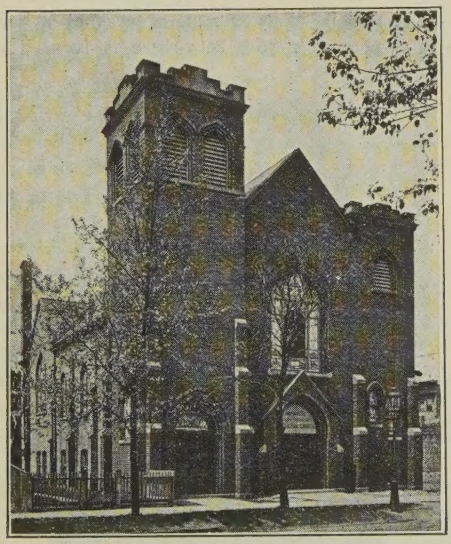
minutes by taking any Clark street and Wells street limits car, or Evanston avenue car to Belden avenue, then walk two blocks west, or a Lincoln avenue car to Belden avenue and walk two blocks east.

Immanuel English Lutheran Church is on the South Side, near the corner of Champlain avenue and Forty-third street, seats about 600, and can be reached by any surface line going south and transferring on Forty-third street car to Champlain avenue, or take South Side "L" to Forty-third street station and walk three blocks east. You can also reach it by way of Cottage Grove avenue car and transfer west on Forty-third street car to Champlain avenue. This is a beautiful church building, erected about four years ago, and is the place where there is a good robust Luther League, an active pastor and a congregation of young people. Thirty minutes' ride from downtown will bring you there. Here the South Side rally will be held on Wednesday evening, August 12.

The grand rally will be held on Thursday evening, August 13, when Senator Knute Nelson, of Minnesota, will be the only speaker, and then the oratorio "Ruth" will be rendered by a chorus of 500 voices, now rehearsing under the able leadership of Prof. A. Alfred Holmes, who so faithfully performed the same duty as leader for the National Convention in 1896. It is expected to have the great Auditorium for this final rally, but as the management of this large hall have leased it for a period of years to a regular company for entertainments, they do not know as yet whether the hall will be vacant during the month of August. The management have, however, given the committee the first preference for August 13, and the New York headquarters of the Auditorium Company have it under consideration. You who were here at the convention in 1896 will remember what a great and magnificent hall this is, seating 6,000 people, with its thirty-three boxes and several balconies, and having a platform that will easily accommodate 1,000 more. If the Auditorium cannot be secured, Chicago has several other



GRACE ENGLISH CHURCH.
Where one of the Wednesday evening sessions will be held.



IMMANUEL ENGLISH CHURCH,
Where one of the Wednesday evening sessions will be held.

TRIBUNE BLDG

large halls that can be had, but the local committee will not be satisfied unless the best can be secured to entertain the delegates and visitors to the Eighth Convention of the Luther League of America. They should have the best, and nothing is too good for our great Lutheran people who visit Chicago on a mission like this.

Chicago is proud of its skyscrapers, its great boulevard system, its department stores and public buildings, but above all it rejoices in having a great big body of water like Lake Michigan and a beautiful shore. Plans are being arranged to have a lake excursion on Friday, August 14, for all delegates and visitors, on one of the most conveniently equipped excursion boats running on any of the great lakes, the steamer Theodore Roosevelt, capacity 3,500, leaving Chicago 10 a. m., for Michigan City, Ind., and returning to Chicago by 6 p. m. All delegates and visitors should plan to stay over and take in this excursion, as it will be a unique and pleasant feature of the convention. It will give every one a splendid opportunity to see Chicago from a distance, showing the beautiful shore and high buildings and towers. It is an easy matter to see Chicago at a very small cost, for it has a universal transfer system on the surface lines and you can go anywhere for 5 cents. With its through routing of cars you can ride a distance of 18 miles without a change of cars for 5 cents, and 25 miles by transfers. The entire surface line system is being overhauled, new tracks are being rapidly laid, and rails used weighing 100 pounds to the square foot; the new "pay as you enter" car is a great pleasure and convenience to the public.

There are four elevated railway systems, with numerous branches going in every direction over the entire city, and all encircling a downtown loop. Fare is 5 cents within the city limits. Besides, an automobile can be had at a reasonable fare for a ride on the boulevards and through the parks.

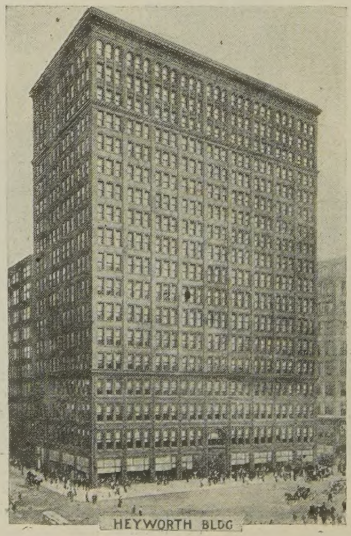
Automobile 'buses make trips to Lincoln Park and return for 50 cents, and Jackson and Washington parks and return for $1. Arrangements can be had for special rates to parties of ten or more.

Places of Interest

Lincoln Park is on the North Shore, about twenty minutes' ride from downtown. There you have one of the grandest parks in the world, with its beautiful walks and drives, greenhouses and flower beds, monuments, and the large zoological garden. You will find an interesting place to see, the Chicago Academy of Sciences, at the corner of Center and Clark streets, right in Lincoln Park. The exhibits consist of geological, zoological and plant specimens, arranged in an instructive manner. Admission is free every day.

Jackson and Washington parks are on the South Side, and can be reached in thirty minutes.

Jackson Park is where the World's Fair was located in 1893, and to those who attended the fair it will be a revelation to see such a beautiful place as it now is. Here is located the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Field Columbian Museum, where there are thousands of exhibits of the greatest interest, showing the growth and development not only of mankind, but of this nation.

Washington Park is noted for its beautiful flower beds, with hundreds of unique designs, and for a lover of botany this is the place to go.

On the South Side you will find the University of Chicago. It is strange, but true, that there are thousands of people in Chicago who do not know what a big, big, big place this institution of learning is.

Garfield Park is on the West Side and can be reached by Madison street car or Lake street elevated in about thirty minutes. For splendid greenhouss, athletic fields and small park lakes one should visit here and secure rest in one of the charming cosy corners of this interesting park.

Humboldt Park is also on the West Side and can be reached in twenty-five minutes on the Metropolitan elevated. Here is located the largest park lake in the city, which makes it a perfect pleasure place for those who love to be on a lake in a safe boat.

Our Lutheran Theological Seminary is located corner Waveland avenue and Sheffield avenue, and can be reached in twenty minutes by the N. W. L.

Passavant Memorial Hospital, Superior street and La Salle avenue, can be reached by Clark street car in ten minutes, or you can walk in twenty minutes.

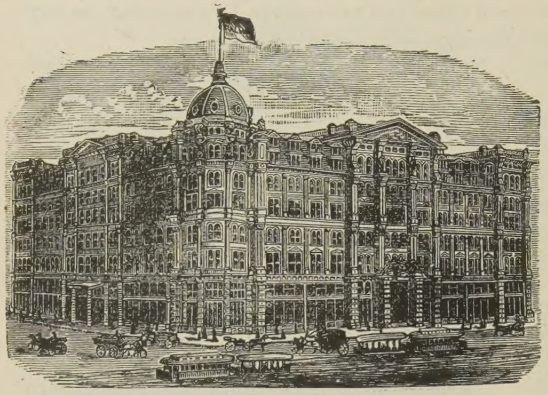
Augustana Hospital, corner Lincoln avenue and Cleveland avenue, can be reached in twenty minutes on a Lincoln avenue car.

Norwegian Lutheran Deaconess Home and Hospital, corner Hadden avenue and Leavitt street, can be reached in thirty minutes by taking a West Division street car.

If you want to see somthing pretty at night, walk along State street in the retail shopping district. The display of electrical signs, the flare and flash of the windows, and the general effect of it all is a picture you will enjoy and will not soon forget. In daytime, too, it is not a profitless undertaking to stroll along State street.

There is much for even a mere man to learn if he will go through the big retail stores—Field's, Mandel's, Stevens', Carson-Pirie Scott's, The Fair, Rothschild's and Siegel, Cooper & Co.'s. As a matter of course, the women will make these places the most important feature of their sightseeing, but a man gets a new insight on modern merchandising in its highest phase by spending part of his time (and part of his money, if he desires) in these stores. Another interesting trip a great many folks overlook is one through the hotels. That is through the big hotels—the ones that are known all over the world as marks of Chicago's progress and enterprise. The Auditorium Annex has the famous Pompeiian Room. The Palmer House, one of the oldest hotels in the West; in the rotunda are some historical pictures, and you may remember how, not so long ago, folks used to go to the Palmer House just to see the coins imbedded in the tiling of the floors. The coins are still there.

MASONIC TEMPLE



PALMER HOUSE

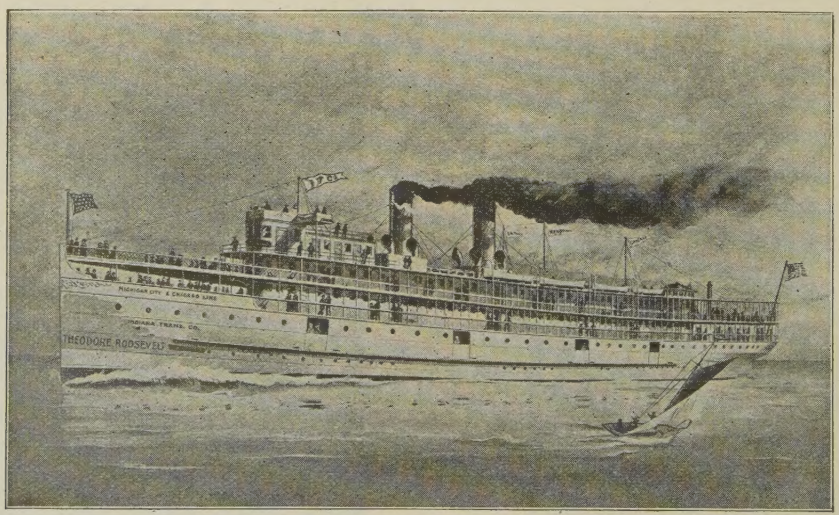
In the lobby of the Great Northern is an immense pipe organ, on which recitals are given during the dinner hours. Away up on top of the Great Northern is St. Hubert's Inn, where there is more pipe organ music while you eat.

It will pay you to walk up Dearborn street a little way and see the new Federal Building. Although as big as it is, it is not commodious enough for Chicago's postal business. When you reach this magnificent building do not stop until you have gone inside to the center of the rotunda and had a look up into the dome.

If you want to get a glimpse of the busiest street in the world you should go along South Water street and see how we folks in Chicago are supplied with cold storage poultry and eggs, as well as the fresh variety; how the commissary department of this mid-West metropolis handles the vegetables, fruit, butter and other table stuff for us all with neatness and dispatch. And did you ever know anyone to come to Chicago who did not include in his sightseeing the stock yards? Take a southbound car at Clark and Washington streets or the South Side elevated to that city of cattle pens and packing houses. There are 21,000 open and covered cattle pens, 300 miles of railway tracks and 500 acres of land, and 50,000 men work there.

Masonic Temple, corner State and Randolph streets, is directly opposite Handel Hall, where our business sessions will be held. If you have lofty aspirations you should ride in the elevator to the top, but be sure to hold yourself together, for these elevators, especially the express, shoot up like a rocket and make sudden stops.

There are thousands of other interesting facts that could be mentioned concerning Chicago; however, it is not our purpose to write its history, but only to give you some information which might prove helpful to you when you come to the city in August to attend the eighth convention of the Luther League of America.

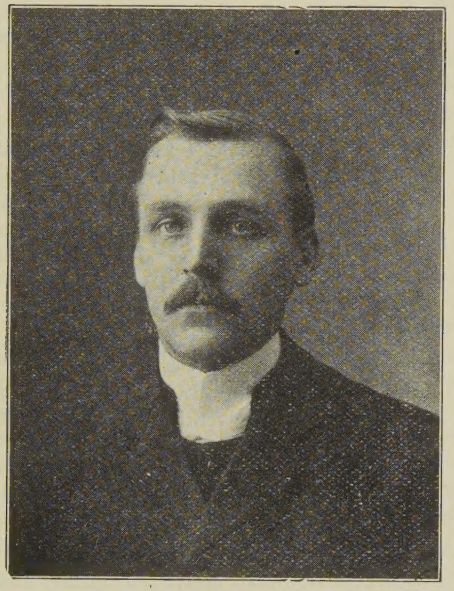


STEAMER THEODORE ROOSEVELT,
Chartered by Chicago Luther League for an excursion on Lake Michigan.

The Luther League of Chicago

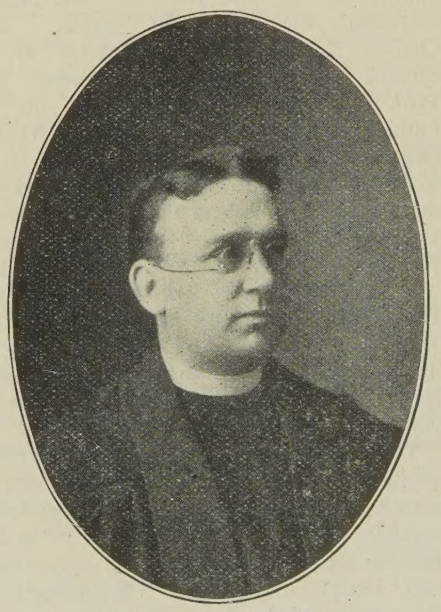
BY REV. F. E. JENSEN.

DURING the time of the World's Fair in the city of Chicago, 1893, the first steps were taken which led to the organization of the Chicago Luther League. At this time the dormitory building of the Theological Seminary of the Evangelical Lutheran Church, at Chicago, Ill., was used for the entertainment of many Lutheran World's Fair visitors.



REV. F. E. JENSEN.
Founder of the Luther League of Chicago.

Frank E. Jensen, a native of Chicago, and at that time a student of the seminary, had charge of the "Seminary Hotel." Among the many guests that found a delightful stopping place at the seminary during their visit to the Fair were two young men from the City of New York. These young men—Messrs. George D. Boschen and Charles H. Schnepel—were active Luther League workers in their Eastern Church, city and State. Up to their visit to Chicago the Luther League movement was unknown in the West. When they laid before the writer the fact that the Lutheran young people of their district had been organized into a distinctive Lutheran movement since 1888 he at once was much interested. He became imbued with the idea of planting the movement in Chicago. For a number of years he had been active in the Christian Endeavor work. As a member of the Extension Committee he had been instrumental in organizing a number of Christian Endeavor Societies in Chicago Lutheran churches, and his Lutheran consciousness and loyalty were stirred by the enthusiasm of his newly-made New York Luther League friends. Accordingly plans were laid for the establishment of the Luther League movement in Chicago. After some persuasion the interest and co-operation of another seminary student and native of Chicago, Mr. J. J. Clemens, was secured. These two young men became partners in the great undertaking that lay before them. It became their first work to see the Lutheran Christian Endeavor Societies, and endeavor to win them to the idea of having a central organization, comprising only Lutheran young people. This was no easy task. A strong prejudice was found against a purely Lutheran organization on the one hand, and on the other against any general Lutheran young people's organization. By patient, prayerful, persevering effort, how-



REV. J. J. CLEMENS.
First president of the Luther League of Chicago.

ever, a number of pastors with their young people began to take an interest in the work proposed. Calls were issued for delegate meetings, composed of representatives from the various Lutheran churches. Eliza Hall, the dormitory of the Chicago Lutheran Sem-

inary, was made the meeting place. The response at first, however, was most feeble. It took about nine months' time to get the proper interest and enthusiasm aroused. Representatives from thirteen different Lutheran young people's societies were finally officially appointed by their respective organizations to make arrangements for the "First Grand Assembly of Lutheran Young People for the purpose of organizing a Central Organization of Lutheran Young People's Societies in Chicago." This Committee of Thirteen was composed entirely of men. It looked very much like an exclusively men's movement. This First Grand Assembly was held in Holy Trinity English Lutheran Church, La Salle avenue and Elm street, Chicago, on Monday evening, March 12, 1894.

The Committee of Thirteen had worked hard and long in providing for a feast of good things in addresses and music. And their labors were greatly appreciated by the congregation of more than eight hundred that crowded Trinity Church on the evening of March 12, 1894. Mr. F. E. Jensen presided. Rev. W. A. Sadtler, Ph. D., and Rev. Dr. Severinghaus conducted the devotional service. Rev. Charles Koerner, the then pastor of the church, gave the address of welcome. Rev. Prof. R. F. Weidner, D. D., spoke on "The Lutheran Church in Chicago, and the Need of Organization." Rev. W. A. Passavant, D. D., spoke on "The Growth and Development of the Lutheran Church in the West." Rev. H. W. Roth, D. D., spoke on "Breakers to Be Avoided." Rev. W. K. Frick spoke on "Taking Care of No. 1." Rev. L. M. Heilmann, D. D., on "Denominational Societies." Revs. J. N. Kildahl and C. A. Evald gave short addresses approving and encouraging the movement. A chorus of 150 voices aided the devotional service, and rendered selections.

This first assembly of Chicago's Lutheran young people was all that could have been expected. It was not to pass without permanent results. The call for the meeting to be held for the purpose of effecting an organization was issued that night. Accordingly on the evening of April 14, 1894, representatives from sixteen Luthran young people's societies met in the parlors of the Sherman House. Nine societies had given their respective representatives full power to act. A constitution was proposed and duly adopted. The nine societies, through their representatives, signed the same and became the charter members. Mr. J. J. Clemens was elected president; John Peterson, recording secretary; C. J. Driever, corresponding secretary, and Frank E. Jensen, chairman Extension Committee. And so at last the "Chicago Central Luther League" was a reality. The first quarterly convention of the League was held in Wicker Park English Lutheran Church on the evening of June 9, 1894. The call for the organization of a National Luther League, in 1895, was met with a prompt response from the Chicago League by the election of three delegates to attend the Pittsburgh Convention. The Chicago League was also instrumental in calling into being the Luther League of the State of Illinois, having arranged through its committee for the first convention on June, 4 and 5, 1895. And at the ninth quarterly convention of the Chicago League, held on the evening of November 25, 1895, at the Bethlehem Swedish Lutheran Church, the League, then numbering twenty-two societies, with approximately 1,200 members, the following resolution was unanimously adopted: "Resolved, That the Luther League of Chicago, in convention assembled, does extend an earnest and urgent invitation to the Luther League of America to hold its annual convention in 1896 in Chicago, which has deservedly been called 'The City of Conventions,' at such time as the officers of the National League may designate We deem it eminently proper that the next National Convention be held in the city which has the largest Lutheran population of any city in the United States and is the natural center of the Lutheran Church in the West, and we believe that favorable action on this invitation will serve greatly to extend the Luther League in this section of our common country." The National Luther League was the guest of the Chicago League in 1896. F. E. Jensen, being the president of the Chicago League at that time, gave the address of welcome. Twelve years have passed. Again the eyes of our Lutheran young people are directed toward Chicago. In August the National Convention will again meet in Chicago as the guest of the Chicago League. Instead of twenty-two societies to greet all the delegates and visitors there will be thirty-six societies. May the coming convention be a still greater help this year than it was twelve years ago. Chicago Luther Leaguers are making large preparations for the coming event, and it is fondly hoped that Leaguers will flock to the "Convention City" by the hundreds.

Luther League of America

Eighth Convention, Chicago, August 11, 12, 13

CHICAGO is preparing to extend the Luther League of America a royal welcome at the Eighth Biennial Convention, which will convene in the metropolis of the Great Lakes August 11, 12 and 13. The greeting and hospitality will be characteristic of Western heartiness and liberality. The prime object, however, is the convention itself, and delegates and visitors can aid in the success of the convention by manifesting an interest in the upbuilding of our Lutheran Church and rendering her efficient service.

The program committee have been at work for some time, and their work has been almost completed. Something has been prepared that will satisfy the most exacting. The program will be in keeping with those of former conventions.

The convention topic will be "Expansion."

The opening address at the first business session will be "Our Common Heritage," by Rev. Robert L. Patterson, Somerset, Pa.

At the thild session Rev. Paul W. Kohler, Hudson, N. Y., will deliver an address on "The Training of Our Laymen for Church and State."

On the second night of the convention three simultaneous meetings will be held, on the North Side, on the South Side, and on the West Side, respectively, of Chicago. At each meeting the themes will be the same, but different speakers will discuss the subjects. The speakers for these meetings will be: Rev. Frank F. Fry, of Rochester, N. Y.; Rev. Gustav Stearns, of Milwaukee; Rev. Frank Wolford, D. D., Middleburg, N. Y.; Mr. W. H. Rector, of Binghamton, N. Y., president of the New York State League; Hon. Ole O. Roe, chief clerk, Auditor of State, Des Moines, Ia., and probably Hon. Harry Olson, Chief Justice of the District Court, of Chicago. There will be two speakers at each meeting, a pastor and a layman. Announcements will be made later where each one of these meetings will be held.

The fifth session of the convention will be devoted to Junior work. A Model Junior League will be conducted by Miss Florence Sterns, of the Church of the Redeemer, Buffalo, N. Y. Rev. C. Elvin Haupt, D. D., of Lancaster, Pa., will discuss "Childhood and Its Treatment."

The sixth session will be an "Open Assembly." At this session Prof. Rev. M. L. Stirewalt, of Coburn Academy, Mulberry, Ind., will deliver an address on "Laymen in the Reformation." Mr. J. L. Clark, of the Layman's Movement, Ashland, Ohio, has been invited to present the topic, "An Aggressive Laity in a Progressive Church."

Other speakers will be: Mr. H. G. Deininger, of Philadelphia; Miss Nellie Swanson, of Galesburg, Ill.; Miss Anna Landis, Jeannette, Pa.; Miss Minnie Stohr, Elgin, Ill.; Mr. Charles W. Fuhr, of Pittsburgh, and Mr. M. Johnson, Esq., of Chicago.

Each morning session will be preceded by a regular religious service. The theme for the first morning's worship will be "Constant Progress" and probably in charge of Rev. E. H. Gruber, Minneapolis, Minn. The theme for the second morning's worship will be "The Gospel, the Need of the Word."

The biennial address of the President of the Luther League of America, W. C. Stoever, Esq., of Philadelphia, will be delivered at the opening session of the convention, Tuesday evening, August 11. The speaker at the Grand Rally will be the Hon. Knute Nelson, United States Senator, of Minnesota. The Grand Rally will be Thursday evening, August 13.

At 4 p. m. Tuesday, August 11, a reception will be tendered the delegates and visitors to the convention.

At 5 p. m. the Lutheran Woman's League will serve a banquet to the delegates and visitors to the convention.

CONVENTION HEADQUARTERS.

The Palmer House has been selected by the local committee as the headquarters for the convention. On arriving in Chicago delegates and visitors should go directly to the Palmer House to register. Here full information will be given concerning convention matters. Have your mail addressed: *Care of The Luther League of America.* Arrangements have been made for convention mail so addressed with the postoffice.

CONVENTION HOTEL RATES PER DAY.

	Room without Bath.		Room with Bath.	
	1 Person.	2 Persons.	1 Person.	2 Persons.
Palmer House	$1.50	$1.00	$2.50	$1.75
Victoria Hotel.	1.50	1.00	2.00	1.50
Grand Pacific Hotel	2.00	1.00	2.50	2.00
Sherman House	1.50	1.00	2.00	1.50
The Saratoga...	..	1.00	..	..
Great Northern Hotel	1.50-2.50	1.25-1.75	2.50-3.50	2.00 up
Kaiserhof	2.00	1.00	3.00	2.00
Morrison Hotel.	1.00-1.50	..	2.00	..
The Stratford Hotel	2.00	1.50	2.50	2.00
Auditorium.....	2.00	1.50	3.50	2.50

SPECIAL NOTES.

The local committee insist on all delegates and visitors going direct, immediately on their arrival, irrespective of stopping places, to the Palmer House to register.

For credentials for delegates application should be made at once to Rev. Charles K. Hunton, Statistical Secretary of the Luther League of America, Salem, Va. All credentials should be filled out, one part being sent to Rev. C. K. Hunton, Salem, Va., and the other part retained by the delegate for presentation at Chicago. *Delegates to the convention are expected and required to present properly certified credentials.*

All statistical reports should be sent to Rev. C. K. Hunton, Salem, Va., promptly by State and District officers. This should receive the immediate attention of all interested.

THE LUTHER LEAGUE REVIEW will print a convention number, which will give a full account of the proceedings of the convention. How full an account we can give will depend on the number of copies of this edition that are ordered. You should therefore arrange at once to secure extra copies of this issue and notify THE LUTHER LEAGUE REVIEW, P. O. Box 876, New York, at once of the number of copies you will require at 5 cents a copy.

Chicago—our churches, our institutions, our homes, and our hearts—all are wide open—and Chicago Lutherans look to see such a gathering of the sons and daughters of our great Church as shall open the eyes of our citizens to the greatness of our dear old Church in numbers, in purity of her doctrines, and in the unfailing love and devotion of her children.

Our Secretary's Activity

CONVENTION time is here. The great State conventions of the Luther League are full of interest and instruction. To each one who attends they may be made profitable and helpful. The General Secretary will attend as many of these conventions as possible. If the officers will co-operate and he is consulted about dates, doubtless he can arrange to attend nearly all the State conventions.

During the month many places have been visited in Pennsylvania and New York. We find the interest in our League work is very good. The attendance in the majority of the Leagues is most encouraging. The editor does not have the space for a cataloging of all the happenings, nor is it necessary to go into details. One thing we have noted with pleasure, however, that backsliding members and stray ones are beginning to realize their places are open to them, and they are returning to help in the work.

We find a new note of enthusiasm. This is very cheering. It is encouraging in the work, as one visits the various Leagues, to find a spirit of loyalty. For the success of the great work, it means much to find so many Luther Leaguers encouraging and enthusing over the movement seeking to foster the spirit of loyalty and to stimulate Christian activity.

Mr. J. Alex Nelson, president of the District Luther League of Chicago, has organized a "Flying Squadron." This "Flying Squadron" is not in full retreat. It is a very busy squadron, visiting the various societies of the district. They lay before each society the importance of the coming convention. Already results are seen, and it is enough to state that they are receiving hearty support.

You will be interested to know that one of the principal features of the Chicago Convention will be the rendition of "Ruth" by a chorus of not less than 500 voices. This chorus will be under the instruction of Prof. Alfred Holmes, an exceedingly competent director. This chorus began its rehearsals about the middle of May.

On to Chicago! Let each League, whether State or District or local, send a delegate to this greatest Luther League Convention. Why can we not have many visitors? There is a feast of good things in store for those who will attend this convention, and we hope you may be one of those who will attend.

Until further notice, address the General Secretary either at P. O. Box 876, New York City, or at 1807 West End avenue, Chicago, Ill.

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"I am nothing, but the truth is everything."
—A. Lincoln.

Luther League Topics

Third Week After Trinity. July 5, 1908.

Voices of History

Psalm 147:12-20.

Topic Reviewed by Rev. C. Armand Miller, D. D.

Questions to be answered in brief papers: Can you show that God governs in the history of nations? What do the "Voices of History" show as to the real sources of national blessing?

Lessons for our own lives: 1. We are to look for God in history. The philosophy of history, so called, which ignores Providence in the affairs of men and nations has lost the only key to the problem of events. The chief significance of Cyrus is the relation in which he stood to the people of Israel and to their return to the promised land, in the fulfilment of prophecy. Before that, the real importance of Nebuchadnezzar, of Sennacherib, is in the use God made of them, all unconscious of being used of Him, in the punishment of the wayward nation of the Lord, and, incidentally, of the preparation for the fulfilment of His purposes of redemption for the race. Vespasian and Titus, caring nothing for the true God, and utterly ignorant or indifferent as to the Nazarene prophet whom Pontius Pilate had put to death, did the most important work of their reigns in the overthrow and literal destruction, according to the terms of His foretelling, of the city that had rejected Him. And so all through the subsequent history of the nations and of the whole world, God has had His guiding hand on men and measures and they have all worked in the attaining of His purpose. That this is not always so clear as it is in the history of the period of the Reformation—when the Roman Emperor was thwarted in his plan to crush out the evangelical cause by the attacks of the Turkish Sultan, the terror even of a Mediterranean pirate, and the constantly changing course of events, all things working together for the deliverance, even when it seemed hopeless, of the movement for the pure Gospel—only shows that we cannot always see, until in the retrospect, the outworkings of Divine Providence; but it does not obscure the truth that the Lord God Omnipotent reigneth.

2. We are to expect the guidance of God in our own history. The nation of which we are citizens has experienced innumerable manifestations of God's oversight and protection. He who has led will lead. The pessimistic spirit is unworthy of a Christian, and contradictory of faith. Even when things are at their worst, we dare not distrust Him who knows how to bring good out of evil, to cause the "wrath of man to praise Him" and to "restrain the remainder of wrath." "God's in His heaven, all's right with the world" in prospect, if not in present actuality. The sum of history will be involved in the glorious coming of our Lord. While we wait and He tarries, let us use His wonder working Word, and help to make all things ready for His advent.

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Fourth Week After Trinity. July 12, 1908.

Inner Missions

Matt. 25:31-40.

Missionary Topic Reviewed by Rev. G. H. Trabert, D. D.

This is the name given to a movement which originated in Europe during the first half of the last century. The Rev. Johann Heinrich Wichern, who, in 1833, established a home for homeless boys at the Rauhe Hause, near Hamburg, is called the father of the Inner Mission movement. The leading idea of Wichern was to reach the masses with the Gospel, and not simply the fallen and degraded, but also the indifferent and unbelieving among the educated and well-to-do. He characterized the "Inner Mission" as "The unfolding and active exercise of the faith and vital powers of the entire body of believers in the Church, in the State and in all forms of social life, for the conquest of everything un-Christian and anti-Christian that seeks and has found a place in the home or community, in usages and laws, in science and art, in all departments of material and spiritual life of the masses and of the nations within Christendom." To this idea of Inner Missions works of mercy are added to serve the Word, and not simply to relieve distress, but also to demonstrate what the Gospel is capable of doing in those who believe it.

Inner Missions has a very wide range, and it is a great mistake to think that it embraces chiefly works of mercy. Its practical unfold-

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ing is seen in works of mercy and general helpfulness in all forms of distress, and it is best known in this country in the care for the orphans, the establishing of hospitals and homes for the aged and infirm, and work among the immigrants; and more recently in the establishing of hospices or homes for young men and for young women.

City missions is one of the most important features of the Inner Mission work. This comprises religious services under the direction of the city missionary in the charitable, reformatory and penal institutions of the city, and private spiritual ministrations among those who are without pastoral care. The city missionary and his staff of assistants visits the sick in the hospitals, the aged and infirm in the homes provided for them, and the prisoners in their cells. They minister to the poor and neglected, the indifferent and the fallen. They find temporary homes for convalescents and places of refuge for incurables, and often permanent homes for the aged and dependent and for orphaned children.

In the Lutheran Church in America the Inner Mission work has hitherto been mostly of an institutional character, the establishing of homes for orphans, for the aged and infirm, the erecting of hospitals for the sick and institutions of mercy for epileptics and persons otherwise afflicted. To these have been added Immigrant and Seamen's Missions; and quite recently special attention has been directed to direct city mission work. Slum missions and Christian kindergartens have been established, in all of which deaconesses find a very important field of activity, but unfortunately the supply is not nearly equal to the demand.

One of the most important aids for the successful carrying on of Inner Mission work in its various branches is the office of deaconesses, which was revived by the Rev. Theodore Fliedner at Kaiserswerth about the same time that Wichern laid the foundation for the general Inner Mission cause at Hamburg. Without the aid of these consecrated women much suffering would remain unrelieved, and many would be left to despair who are now encouraged to look hopefully into the future. In the slum mission, in the Christian kindergarten, in the children's hospital, in the homes for the infirm and the orphan, in the homes of the poor and discouraged, the deaconess is as a ministering angel, bringing sunshine and comfort to those who need it most. Would to God that more of our young women would consecrate themselves to the deaconess work; in no other way could they better serve their Saviour. A summary of what is being done by the Lutheran Church in America in all its branches gives:

Orphan institutions, including the twelve children's friend societies of the Missouri Synod	63
Homes for the aged and infirm	24
Hospitals, including two sanitariums for those afflicted with tuberculosis	37
Deaconess mother houses	9
Immigrant and seamen's missions	12
Hospices and homes for young women, and also for men	6
Other Inner Mission enterprises, including two institutions for epileptics and a number of city missions with their various ramifications	10
This would make the sum total of Inner Mission enterprises of the Lutheran Church in America	161

Over one-half of which came into existence during the last twenty years.

Judging from the signs of the times, we are just at the beginning of a great forward movement in the work of the Inner Missions. There seems to be a stirring on every side in behalf of humanity, and the Church is being aroused as never before to realize its mission in behalf of the afflicted, the homeless, the imperiled, the discouraged, and to lend a helping hand to those who need assistance, both bodily and spiritually. The extensive field which is embraced in the term "Inner Missions," and the great importance of the work is only beginning to be realized. The more recent establishing of hospices, or homes for young men, as in Philadelphia and Pittsburgh, and for young women, as in Minneapolis and Chicago, shows that the Church is being aroused to greater interest in her young people when they leave their home in the rural districts for the great city, with all its temptations and devices of the devil to entrap the unwary.

The spiritual destitution in our large cities cannot be removed by the regular ministrations of the pastors, who have their hands more than full with the regular parish work. The Inner Mission society is here of the first importance that through the employment of special missionaries, and of deaconesses who can enter the homes of the discouraged and destitute, the sunshine of the Gospel can be made to brighten and cheer desponding hearts. It is the ministration of love which opens the hand to supply the needed bodily comforts, and at the same time points to Him from whom all blessings flow, and so seeks to lift up the whole being and make the life on earth as cheerful as possible, while looking to a life of future blessedness. Inner Mission work is practical Christianity.

Fifth Week After Trinity. July 19, 1908.

Christian Simplicity

I Peter 2:1-5.

Topic Reviewed by Rev. C. Armand Miller, D. D.

Questions to be answered in brief papers: What is Christian simplicity? How is it manifested? What of its value and beauty?

Lessons for our own lives: 1. Does this description of the Christian life apply to our lives—"as newborn babes"? Does it seem an inadequate description? Yet what is there to add to the few clear, strong lines of this portraiture—of one who is born of the incorruptible seed, through the Word of God; who puts away wickedness, hypocrisies, malice, all complex and intricate aims and impulses; and who centers every desire on the one simple, single aim, to nourish the soul unto saving growth, by the sincere milk of the Word. The Christian life *is* simple. Its simplicity is evident in its purpose, to please God; in its standard of values, esteeming that worthy which will please God, and that despicable which will displease Him; in its means of accomplishment, the one simple channel of the divine efficacy, the Word of God, through which the new life is brought into being, nurtured, strengthened guided, empowered—through which the very life of God the Holy Spirit is introduced into our lives for every need. Do you find it so? Does your one absorbing desire find its object in the Word of God, its aim in growth unto salvation?

2. Herein lies true simplicity, that the life in all its apparent complexity, in its manifold activity, in its contact with the varied incidents and employments of each day of the many years, can be, in fact, reduced to oneness of motive, of spirit, of result. This was what constituted the simplicity of the life of St. Paul, whether he were found in the prison, or on the ship, or in the synagogue, or in the Temple at Jerusalem, or before the Roman judges, or addressing the Greek philosophers, or making tents, or writing letters to the Churches, or preparing the way for the kindly reception of a fugitive slave returning to his place and duty, or healing common folk of sicknesses—a life complex, indeed, in the range of its activites as to place, and time, and variety of occupation, yet described by himself in the words "This one thing I do!" The life whose elements are faith and love, whose deeds are the expression of the one Spirit, whose fruits are all to the praise of God is a simple life, the one simple life that deserves the name.

Sixth Week After Trinity. July 26, 1908.

Christian Sociability

III John.

Topic Reviewed by Rev. C. Armand Miller, D. D.

Questions to be answered in brief papers: What are the characteristics of Christian sociability? Wherein does it differ from the social interests of the world? What are the lessons of Christian sociability from the Scripture passage assigned for this topic?

Lessons for our own lives: 1. We need, in view of the much talk about the lack of sociability and the need for it in our churches, to examine ourselves in reference to this subject. We find that Christian sociability, as illustrated by St. John's letter to Gaius, has distinct marks. It is founded on a genuine love, and that not merely a love for an attractive person, but a love for him as a person who is walking in truth, who is a fellow in Christ. It embraces that person in prayer, eagerly desiring his prosperity, his health, and, above all, his soul's prosperity. It finds joy in the Christian activity of this friend in spiritual bonds, and it takes occasion to offer encouragement in the "faithful work" of another. It emphasizes the privilege of welcoming Christian brethren who are strangers, of helping them, and setting them forward on their journeys for the Church. It realizes that in such fellowship, or sociability toward them—toward our missionaries, secretaries of the boards, field missionaries, agents of special causes, and the like—in helping them and the cause, for the sake of the Name (the Name that is above every name), we become fellow workers with the truth.

2. All of this is included in one characteristic of Christian sociability that is too often forgotten. We are apt to have the love for each other, possibly the prayer, certainly the desire for each other's welfare, even the joy in the good news of each other's progress and usefulness to the truth, but, withal, to expect our love and prayers and joy and sympathy to be *taken for granted.* It was not so with St. Paul. He gave expression to his spirit of Christian sociability by writing to Gaius some things that many of us would have waited to say at Gaius' funeral. He conveyed to Gaius the greetings of "the friends," and he asked Gaius to salute the friends for him, by name. He did not wish a single one to have cause to think that he had been forgotten by the great Apostle. Even so with Gaius. He gave expression to his Christian sociability by his hospitality and helpfulness to Christian breth

ren. That they were strangers made no difference; that they were brethren in Christ was enough.

3. Handshaking, salutations, messages of courtesy, a show of sociability in the Church is worth nothing if it is not based on Christian love, and the genuine realization of fellowship in Christ. But how much is the sense of fellowship in Christ worth if there is never a greeting, a smile, a handclasp, or even the acquaintance of one who is a brother, in the same family, a member of the same congregation? How will he know that I have the sense of fellowship with him?

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Bible Readings

Sunday, June 21—Habakkuk 2:4; Rom. 3:19-28.
Monday, June 22—Job 9:1-20.
Tuesday, June 23—Romans 3:1-18.
Wednesday, June 24—Galatians 2:14-21.
Thursday, June 25—Romans 4:14-25.
Friday, June 26—Romans 5:12-21.
Saturday, June 27—Romans 8:31-39.
Sunday, June 28—James 1:17-27.
Monday, June 29—James 2:8-20.
Tuesday, June 30—Matt. 5:13-24.
Wednesday, July 1—Matt. 5:27-48.
Thursday, July 2—Matt. 6:1-18.
Friday, July 3—Romans 12:1-21.
Saturday, July 4—I Cor. 13:1-13.
Sunday, July 5—Psalm 147:12-20.
Monday, July 6—Deut. 30:11-20.
Tuesday, July 7—Psalm 85:1-13.
Wednesday, July 8—Deut. 28:1-14.
Thursday, July 9—Lam. 5:1-22.
Friday, July 10—I Kings 9:1-9.
Saturday, July 11—Deut. 26:1-11.
Sunday, July 12—Matthew 25:31-40.
Monday, July 13—Deut. 15:7-18.
Tuesday, July 14—Deut. 24:12-21.
Wednesday, July 15—II Cor. 8:1-15.
Thursday, July 16—I Cor. 13:1-13.
Friday, July 17—Psalm 41:1-13.
Saturday, July 18—II Cor. 9:1-15.
Sunday, July 19—I Peter 2:1-5.
Monday, July 20—Romans 6:1-14.
Tuesday, July 21—Eph. 4:20-32.
Wednesday, July 22—Col. 3:1-17.
Thursday, July 23—Matt. 6:22-34.
Friday, July 24—Romans 12:1-13.
Saturday, July 25—Matt. 18:1-10.

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Kate Shelley

With the rectifying of one of the great trunk lines between Chicago and Omaha there has passed a historical spot. It was before the days of the Carnegie Hero Fund. Had that been established Kate Shelley would have been entitled to its benefaction.

The story of Kate Shelley's heroism is one of interest. On the evening of July 6, 1881, a little after sunset, a terrible storm swept over central Iowa. Every creek overflowed its banks, and the Des Moines River rose more than six feet. Every stream bore a burden of wreckage madly toward the Mississippi.

Eighteen-year-old Kate Shelley stood at a window of her home watching the tumultous storm without. Did God direct her eyes? She happened to look toward the Honey Creek railroad bridge. In the deep blackness of the night and storm she saw in the distance the headlight of a locomotive for a moment, and then suddenly disappear. The bridge was down. The train had plunged headlong to destruction.

"Mother!" cried the child, "The bridge has broken, and the freight's just gone down into the creek. Somebody's hurt, and I'm going to help. Where's the lantern?"

Wrapping a waterproof cloak around her, and lighting the lantern, she started to the rescue. She climbed through briars and bushes up the steep enbankment to the track. She crept out to the last tie of the broken bridge, and swung her lantern. She shouted at the top of her voice. From below a faint cry came in answer. It was the engineer, who was the only survivor of the crew of the wrecked train.

"Don't mind me," he called; "I'm safe for awhile on some broken timbers. But the express is due next, and if somebody don't give warning, they'll plunge in on top of us. It has a train load of passengers. Go to Moingona Station, if you can, and save the express."

Kate Shelley had started out to help. She would not turn back. Though beaten and buffeted by the gale, she struggled along to the trestle over the Des Moines River, which was five hundred feet long. As she started to cross the trestle a wild gust of wind extinguished the light in her lantern. She had no matches to relight it, and it is doubtful if she could have done so in the storm. But she would not turn back. Out over the dizzy trestle crept the girl on her hands and knees. At last she felt the earth beneath her hands. Then fast as she could go, she sped up the track to the station, where she fell, unconscious, just as the train thundered in. But Kate Shelley was in time to save the express; indeed, she had saved the express; and the Iowa Legislature voted her a gold medal. In addition to this, she was handsomely remembered by the Northwestern Railroad Company, to whom she had rendered so signal a service.

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The effect of the Junior League is to induce a nobler and truer American citizenship. Loyalty to the everlasting kingdom of heaven reduces loyalty to the higher powers on earth.

Luther League of Connecticut

Third Annual Convention at Rockville, May 22

BY CLARA A. SUCHER.

THE third annual convention of the Connecticut State Luther League was held at the German Lutheran Church of Rockville, Rev. C. F. Hartwig, pastor, on May 22.

The convention was opened at 2:45 p. m. by the president, Mr. Richard Recknagel, of New Britain, with the singing of "Glorious Things of Thee Are Spoken." Rev. C. E. Blethen, of Hartford, read the Scripture and offered a prayer.

The address of welcome was given by the pastor of the church, Rev. Hartwig, and the president, Mr. Recknagel, of New Britain, responded.

In the absence of Mr. Richard Gubitz, of Hartford, the recording secretary, Mr. Bruno Schmidt, of New Haven, was appointed recording secretary pro tem.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and adopted.

The treasurer's report showed receipts $42.45, expenses $30.16, balance $12.29, added to last year's balance of $21.93, making a total balance of $34.22.

The following auditing committee was appointed: Miss C. Christensen, Hartford; Arthur Olson, New Britain; Miss Clara Sucher, of New Haven.

The following was adopted:

1. Resolved, That each local League be urged to emphasize through all its members the support of the LUTHER LEAGUE REVIEW, both financially and by reading it, also by endeavoring to place the REVIEW on file in public libraries and Y. M. C. A's.

2. Resolved, That the local Leagues be reminded of the resolutions passed at our last National Convention: that each society shall contribute 10 cents a year per capitum to the support of our National Secretary.

The credential committee, consisting of Mr. Anderson, New Britain; Miss Rau, Rockville; Mr. Hess, New Haven; Mr. August Brandt, New Haven, and Miss C. Christensen, Hartford, reported there were present twenty-six delegates. Although Waterbury, Bridgeport and the German Church of Hartford do not belong to the State League as yet, they were well represented.

Resolved, That societies send lists of delegates and alternates to the president a week before the convention, so as to be ready for roll call.

The Leagues reported through their pastors the work they have accomplished, and spoke of the bright future of the League.

The reading of the LUTHER LEAGUE REVIEW was emphasized by all the pastors.

Rev. H. P. Miller, president of the Brooklyn Luther League, brought greetings from his League.

A letter was received from Rev. John Kopp, of East Port Chester, Conn., expressing regret that he could not be present nor be represented.

LUTHERAN CHURCH, ROCKVILLE.
Where convention was held.

Resolved, To instruct delegates who are not members to invite some officer of the State League to explain their work.

Corresponding Secretary Miss Clara Sucher, of New Haven, reported the number of members in the different societies.

Rockville, 117; New Britain, 25; New Britain Junior, 30; Hartord, 30; New Haven, 170; New Haven Union, 120. Total membership, 492, a total gain of 163 members since our last convention.

A nominating committee was appointed, consisting of August Brandt, New Haven; Arthur Olson, New Britain; Miss C. Christensen, Hartford; Miss Shenk, Rockville.

The following committee on resolutions was

also appointed: Bruno Kraetchmar, Rockville; Miss Voelte, Hartford; Arthur Anderson, of New Britain, and Miss Clara Sucher, of New Haven.

Miss Elizabeth Rau and Miss Martha Kiehling were appointed as the press committee.

The arrangements for the annual picnic were left to the executive committee and the following special committee: Bruno Schmidt, New Haven; Arthur Olson, New Britain; Herman Kiehling, Rockville; Frank Goetze, New Haven, and Samuel Christensen, Hartford.

The following credential committee was appointed for the coming year: Miss Elsa Jente, New Haven; Fred Kurtze, New Haven; Miss Elizabeth Feichmann, Hartford; R. Prescher, New Britain; Miss Helen Olson, New Britain, and Miss Martha Kiehling, of Rockville.

The following resolutions were adopted: "Resolved, That we, the committee on resolutions representing the State Luther League of Connecticut, do hereby express our great pleasure and gratitude to the German Lutheran Church of Rockville, to the pastor (Rev. Hartwig), to the Luther League, the Women's Society and to all others that have contributed in any way toward the success of the convention. We wish also to express our gratitude for the hearty and generous entertainment which we have received. We wish, furthermore, to express extreme pleasure in acknowledging the greetings of Rev. Kopp, of East Port Chester, Conn., also in having Rev. Miller, president of Brooklyn Luther League, with us."

The nominating committee reported the following as its recommendation for officers for the coming year: President, Richard Recknagel, New Britain; vice president, Samuel Christensen, Hartford; recording secretary, August Brandt, New Haven; corresponding secretary, Clara A. Sucher, New Haven; treasurer, Bruno Kraetchmar, Rockville. They were unanimously elected.

Evening Session.

The evening session was opened at 7:45 by singing "Onward, Christian Soldiers."

Rev. Rohrig, of New Britain, read the Scripture lesson and offered prayer.

The choir of the church rendered a selection, after which the congregation sang "A Mighty Fortress Is Our God."

Rev. H. P. Miller, of Brooklyn, was the speaker for the evening.

The service was continued by singing "O Christians Leagued Together," after which the offering was taken.

After listening to the choir and singing "Now Thank We All Our God," Rev. Rohrig pronounced the benediction and the service closed by repeating the Lord's Prayer.

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Forgiveness

Nothing is more moving to man than the spectacle of reconciliation; our weaknesses are thus indemnified and are not too costly—being the price we pay for the hour of forgiveness; and the archangel, who has never felt anger, has reason to envy the man who subdues it. When thou forgivest—the man who has pierced thy heart stands to thee in the relation of the sea-worm that perforates the shell of the mussel, which straightway closes the wound with a pearl.—*Jean Paul Richter.*

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Book Reviews

Luther's Large Catechism. "God's Call to Repentance, Faith, and Prayer. The Bible Plan of Salvation Explained." Prof. J. N. Lenker, D D.

One of the things that impresses us as we open this great little book is "Seventh Thousand." It is No. 2 of the Christian Educational series, and is issued by the Luther Press, of Minneapolis. We are glad to have this very handy voume, and congratulate Dr. Lenker on its paper, type and convenience for handling. We recommend this little volume to our readers.

Summer Sermons. *By Edward T. Horn.* Pp. 199. Extra Cloth, $1 net. Pilger Publishing House, Reading, Pa.

Dr. Horn provides for a need in this collection of excellent, earnest, brief sermons. He has planned them so that they may be read by unordained men, where there is no pastor. Thus in far-off places, in country houses, in summer resorts, perhaps in sick rooms, in churches where no pastor is present, this book will be of supreme value. Twenty sermons are in the collection. It would be well for every congregation to have a copy in their building, ready for the emergencies which can easily arise.

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Perhaps your League may be able to use some of the following suggestions:

An original poem.
Visits, one by one, to Lutheran countries.
An evening of questions to be answered.
A lantern evening, with many views.
A boy's story.
A girl's story.
A sewing school.

The Point of Paradise

(Continued.)

CHAPTER IV.

WHICH TELLS OF PLEASANTER THINGS.

They stood on a rustic bridge over a purling brook, the very place where one would expect to find fond lovers. They thought that they were unobserved; but in this they were mistaken. Two persons, who apparently had been following them, were just beating a retreat into the forest.

She was a charming picture: a regular featured face framed in thick brown hair that flowed a yard's length down her back, a small embroidered cap on the top of her head, the fresh, healthy hue of her face set off by a snowy collar, her white waist contrasting with the red silk bodice, a gray skirt with a narrow red hem around the bottom and a heavy cord with tassels hanging down to her ankles, in lieu of a belt and sash.

Her hands were in those of her lover. Their eyes, laughing and dancing with lovelight, drank deep draughts of happiness from the depths of their souls.

"Thank you a thousand times for the presents," she said.

"They are a thousand times too valueless to be given to you," answered he.

"Everything is valueless without you, dearest."

And so on, as only long separated lovers can talk. Let us leave them in that sacred seclusion which lovers have a right to claim, and turn our attention to the persons who followed them.

At midnight on the thirtieth of May, 1637, a vessel came quietly to rest at one of the quays in the harbor of Stockholm. Ropes were quickly fastened to the anchoring posts, and the ship made safe and snug. Half an hour later everyone on board was sound asleep. Among the sleeping passengers were our friends Vingord, La Mar and Minuit. It would require a separate story in each case to relate the interesting events which had taken place in the lives of each of our heroes since we have seen them last.

The sudden summons which we noted in the former chapter had resulted in the promotion of Vingord to a generalship. The crowding and stirring events of the four succeeding years had kept him fully occupied until a message came from Minuit summoning him to Antwerp in the name of the queen. On the same occasion, La Mar had been appointed to go as special ambassador to the court of Louis the XIIIth, where he succeeded in securing aid for the Protestants. He returned at the head of a large French force, with which he dealt heavy blows against the Imperialists. Minuit, after his negotiations with the Hollanders had failed, had turned to the Swedish Court, where, after several years of patient labor, his heart was at last cheered by the promise of the government to take up the plans of Gustavus and to proceed with the colonization scheme. He had at once hastened to Antwerp to call to his assistance his two friends and to make final disposition of his affairs at the Dutch Capitol. Thence they had sailed together for Stockholm.

The three occupied berths one above the other, Vingord having the lower. We said before that all on board were fast asleep, but in the case of Vingord this was only apparently true. At about two o'clock he rose softly and began to dress himself as if contemplating a journey. Then taking a large box from beneath the bed he ascended the ladder leading up to the deck. These preparations, which had to be conducted with such secrecy, had consumed a full half hour. In that high latitude at that time of the year it was already daylight. The sun lit up the East with a rosy light, and sparkled over the dimpled surface of the bay. Here and there rose the charming islands peculiar to the Scandinavian coast, their wooded slopes showing white-walled villas and pleasure parks. Where the sun persists in getting up so early he has to be disregarded, and therefore the world was still fast asleep, as though everything were dark. The streets of Stockholm, like the bay, were deserted; not even a watchman was in sight.

Seeing the way clear, Vingord boldly stepped out of the quay and rapidly walked up the street. His movements, however, had not been quiet enough to prevent his friends from wak-

ing up. Discovering his absence they hastily rose and dressed, and reached the deck in time to see him disappear up the street. "What does this mean?" said Minuit.

"I can't imagine," answered La Mar, "unless he has gone insane. Let us follow him and see where he is going."

So they hastened after him, and soon were sufficiently near to keep him under observation, though they had considerable difficulty in preventing him from seeing them. He continued in a northerly direction for about a mile, then he turned eastward and soon arrived at a large park. Clear across the park the pursuers followed him until they saw him pause on a little rustic bridge. He waited for about five minutes after having whistled several times in a peculiar manner. Then the door of a house not far away opened softly and a maiden came out. She ran towards Vingord and threw her arms around his neck, while he folded her in his arms.

It was then that the two spies, for such they found themselves to be, hastened away in a shamefaced manner.

"Doesn't that make one feel a little queer about the heart?" said La Mar.

"God bless them!" was all that Minuit would say. Those brave, quiet men never spoke to each other of the things enshrined in the innermost sanctuaries of their hearts. In silence they went back to the ship, and when, an hour later, Vingord stealthily returned he found his companions sleeping soundly.

At six in the morning everybody was astir. After breakfast, our friends sought an inn and began their preparations for the audience at the palace. It was to be a great day in their lives, and no pains were spared to make their toilets as attractive as possible. Ten o'clock found them waiting in the anteroom of the royal residence. A few minutes later an usher summoned them, and they were shown into a large room, at one end of which stood the great Oxensterna, surrounded by a number of the members of his cabinet.

He motioned the three men to approach, and greeted them affectionately. On a table near by were the papers which contained the commissions of Minuit and his friends. These, together with the contracts and orders on the treasury, were then read and signed, and delivered over to them. The queen, now in her eighth year, next appeared before them and held out her hand for them to kiss. They each kneeled before her and solemnly swore to uphold the honor of Sweden in the new world. Oxensterna, in the name of the queen, bade them God speed and promised the support of the throne to the praiseworthy project of the late beloved king. The three friends were then invited to dine at the palace, an opportunity which they gladly accepted.

When, some hours later, they found themselves alone again, Vingord said:

"I have a favor to ask of you, dear friends."

"Let us hear it!" cried both.

"It is that you will be present at my wedding, which will take place this evening at six, at the house of our pastor. My betrothed is an adopted daughter in a family of moderate circumstances, and therefore the guests will not be many.

"Nothing could please me better!" said La Mar.

"Nor me either!" added Minuit. You alone are beginning this expedition right."

Six o'clock found them all assembled at the parsonage of St. Olof's. The guests consisted of the foster parents of the bride, Vingord's two friends and the pastor's family, a pleasant faced matron of forty and a pretty daughter of twenty. The bride herself was no longer arrayed in the picturesque costume common to her country, but a pale blue silk gown from some Paris tailor's studio (which La Mar rightly suspected was a present from Vingord, and the cause of his secret departure from the ship) made her look like a queen of France. Every one admired the refined and noble appearance and manners of the orphan girl and concluded that her parents could not have been mere peasants. The solemn marriage service having been read by the minister, the guests showered the bridal pair with heartfelt congratuations, and both La Mar and Minuit pressed a piece of gold into the lady's hand as a wedding gift. Minuit insisted that they should all be his guests that evening, and after some little show of resistance they repaired to the inn, where an elaborate repast awaited them. When they finally separated after a pleasant evening spent in social intercourse, friendships had been formed which were to influence the future of the new colony beyond the sea.

(*To be continued.*)

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"Our Luther League Pin"

BY EMMA GERBERDING LIPPARD.

IT was at a small, dreary, wayside station in the heart of Japan. Mists were rising from the plains and enveloping the gloomy mountains. We stood watching the little outgoing train that was bearing away our homeward bound mail. Some way our eyes were misty like the atmosphere. Being only a small group and the only Lutherans in a large summer community of missionaries in the hills, our thoughts naturally turned toward home more often than was quite comfortable. We had come up to this mountain spot for rest and the meeting of other Americans. But among the many conferences of other denominations we felt our own insignificance as a mission. In fact, we were distinctly out of it.

A group of happy young people near us attracted our attention. What a good time they were having! How nice they looked here among the dreary Oriental environment! Whether it was our own hungry eyes that attracted her attention we do not know, but before long we observed one of the young ladies examining us closely. After a while she came up to us and said: "I beg your pardon, but you are Lutherans, aren't you?"

"How ever did you know?" we asked her, after some conversation. "By your pin, of course," she replied. "It did look so good to see the dear old Luther League pin."

She turned out to be a Lutheran from Pennsylvania in mission work in China under a union board, alas! but still a Lutheran. Thus began a most pleasant and profitable friendship.

In the same mountain resort we afterward met one Lutheran lady from Baltimore, now the wife of a German Reformed missionary; one loyal Lutheran lady from Wisconsin, married to a Y. M. C. A. worker, and several others. Each one noticed and recognized the pin, speaking of how good it seemed in a far away land to see the familiar badge.

These things started us to thinking of how proud each Luther Leaguer ought to be of an emblem known, recognized and loved by people scattered here, there and everywhere all over the face of the earth. Should not every Lutheran own and proudly wear one? It seems to us that the clergy especially should adopt the badge.

We are often sorely puzzled in these days of clerical garb when a pastor enters a train, station or street car, to distinguish between the Lutheran, Episcopalian or even the Catholic priest. But if the little pin adorns his coat, how free we feel to speak to him, and what pleasant experiences often follow! If he would but stop and think how often in his travels he comes near some Lutheran in danger or distress, who, if he but knew by some sign that the clergyman beside him was of his own Church, might gladly appeal to him and seek his aid.

In many other ways also the wearing of the pin does mission work. It greatly surprised us during a winter in the South to find how large a number of our Southern Lutheran women wear the pin. In speaking to one of them once on the indifference shown to the League work in her State, she remarked: "I am hoping we can organize here soon. Every one asks about my pin and seems so interested."

A fellow passenger on a Pacific liner once accosted us in mid-ocean, asking to what secret order we belonged. The pin had attracted the notice of even a most worldly minded man. What an opportunity this afforded for a short lecture on our Church and her organizations! One woman once asked us if the pin we always wore was not a family coat of arms. "Yes," we answered, "the coat of arms of the father of our whole Church." It is doubtful whether half the coats of arms preserved by the families of wealth today are half so genuine, so worthy of pride, as that to which every Lutheran, and especially every Luther Leaguer has a right, the National League badge, our Luther League pin.

KUMAMOTO, Japan, April 25, 1908.

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See, then, how faithfully the Lord is leading thee to true peace, who surroundeth thee with so many crosses. It is called "the peace of God which passeth all understanding"; that is, which is not known by feeling or perfection or thinking. All our thinking can not attain or understand it; none but those who of free will take up the cross laid on them—these, tried and troubled in what they feel and think and understand, afterward experience this peace.—*Luther.*

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"The Bible as Good Reading" is the title of of a small book written by United States Senator Albert E. Beveridge. In it he recommends the Book for its English, its style, its story, its history, and recommends it to everyone to read daily. And he follows his own advice, because wherever he goes he carries his Bible with him, and spends time in reading it which others might give to light literature or frivolous conversation. He prizes the Book not only for these qualities, but because of the story which it tells throughout of the Saviour and the salvation of the world through Him. He speaks with the greatest reverence on this subject, and shows that his aim is to live after the example set him in "The Book."

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How many of us have the habit of daily reading God's Book? And with what attention do we read it? Is it perfunctory or with pleasure? Do we consider it a duty or a privilege? And are we learning as we read? We cannot have much profit if it is a burden to us. This Book should be read attentively, and with a view to imbibing its words. Senator Beveridge can quote passage after passage, and uses the language of the Bible as if it were familiar to him. The oldest ministers, as a rule, quote Scripture freely in their sermons, showing that it was one of the principal Books in their education. Why cannot that custom be revived in this generation?

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Think of the extent to which the Bible is circulated. In 1863 the Word was published in 91 languages and 30 varieties of character. In 1893 it was circulated in 284 distinct languages or dialects, and in 1900 in 403 distinct languages or dialects. In the State of Pennsylvania alone the Bible is circulated among people speaking 48 different languages.

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There is some hope that within a short time the call for ministers and active workers in the Church will be answered more promptly than in the past. Today there are 50,000 students in the colleges of this land studying the Bible weekly in sections consisting of from eight to thirteen members each. This is a steady advance over last year, and the interest among the young men is increasing. Must there not be many as the result of this study who will hear the call of the Lord and go to His help in the evangelization of the world?

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Synodical Young People's Organizations

Occasionally there is heard the proposition to organize the young people of a synodical branch of the Lutheran Church into a league or society, separate from the Luther League now in existence, comprising young people of three or four leading branches of the Church. The stated reasons for such a step may seem cogent and sufficient to the persons who urge them. They appeal with some force to people outside the circles whence they come. But as to every other question there are "two sides," so there are to this. The attention of the ad-

vocates of synodical societies is therefore invited to this question's "other side."

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One of the most frequently mentioned and ardently urged reasons for a synodical society is based upon the facts of race and language. It is urged that people of German or English extraction are not able to write acceptably for Swedish or Norwegian young people, for example. There probably is some truth in this contention. Perhaps a man or woman of the Norwegian blood can interpret religion more forcibly and attractively to the young man or woman born of Norwegian parentage in this country. He has not only the tie of blood to aid him, but he has the rich religious literature of the Fatherland to fall back upon. In these two facts he has a decided advantage.

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But over against this is a disadvantage that should be weighed. The question, What can be done? should always be accompanied by another, What is being done? No synodical machinery for producing a system of literature for the education of the young has yet been designed. After the design is laid out and authorized it will take some time—months at least, perhaps years—to build, install, equip, and get it into successful operation. Even then the machine may not work smoothly. It may require more years for adjustment. Meantime what are the young people of this synod doing? Waiting. Their energies unutilized, their minds conjuring plans of their own. These plans sometimes have little room for religion. If any one takes the trouble to call the roll of the brightest minds reared under these conditions he will find all too large a proportion of them in nominal connection with the Church only, or out of it altogether. But it will be urged that the same can be said of branches of the Church in which the Luther League is now at work. Admitted. And how much worse it probably would have been without the Luther League can be fairly estimated by comparing the Church rolls today with those of fifteen or twenty years ago. It needs no argument to prove that the Luther League has saved to the Church many of its best workers.

And if these branches of the Church with their admittedly effective plan for holding the young men are losing some in spite of it, what must be happening to those who have no such, or other, effective plan?

The churches that reject the Luther League in the hope of ultimately having an organization which they expect will be better suited to their needs should consider whether they are not losing in the interim more than they can gain in the end, even if their hopes are realized.

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It is claimed that the Luther League has failed to reach the majority of societies in some branches of the Church.

This is a difficulty that is hard to solve. Perhaps there is no solution of it. If none can be found, it effectively blocks the way. But we offer this suggestion: Let the pastors make an effort, a *concerted* effort, to get their young people to adopt the Luther League. And if it is adopted, encourage and help the young people to carry out its plans for association, and education in religion. Rarely do young people of a church fail to respect the expressed wishes of their pastor in a matter of this kind.

In regard to this point, pastors, by reason of their position as the heads of their churches, have devolving upon them peculiar responsibilities. A rigid confinement of young people to the literature produced by their own synodical branch of the Church, and to association with the young people of that branch only, is not fitting them for a stronger Church fellowship. It is narrowing their vision and stunting their growth. It is limiting their view of the Church to one division of it, and exaggerating their idea of the dividing line. It is educating them to look upon Lutherans of other synods as non-Lutherans, and to remain aloof from them as their fathers have done. If any ultimately do break through this partition wall, and become earnest co-workers with all true

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But it is said that the Luther League is not the proper authority to settle or arbitrate questions that have divided the branches of the Church. Such an office for the League is not proposed. Questions that have divided the Church do not belong to the young person's present. His future may meet them, but they are beyond his reach today. And if men who are on the right side of these questions will make a *united* effort to teach pure doctrine to the young people of all branches of the Church, there will be in the future no such lines of division as are seen now. The questions that cause division will not need to be arbitrated—they will have been eliminated.

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What a power the Luther League could exert over the young people of our whole Church if the men of Norwegian, and Swedish, and German, and English blood and heritage would combine their talents and energies! What a wealth of churchly and soul-inspiring music and hymns we could draw from these sources! What a library of devotional and educational literature we should have, if the best even, not to say all, could be translated into English!

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The young people of Norway, Sweden, and Germany are associating with the native-born Americans to form a people whose superiors are not found in any race of the world. The young people of Norwegian, Swedish, and German heritage, of Lutheran faith, should unite with the young Lutherans in the land of their adopted home to make their Church the strongest mission of Christ's Gospel in the New World.

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Our Churches and Institutions

In Some of Our Large Cities

New York.

—At the celebration of the tenth anniversary of the Brooklyn English Lutheran Missionary Society, on Ascension Day, it was stated that the society has organized twelve congregations, now having an aggregate membership of more than 2,000, and holding property exceeding in value $200,000.

—Dr. J. B. Remensnyder was recently elected president of the "Sigma Chi" (Christian co-laborers), an interdenominational clerical circle composed of a limited number of the foremost representatives of the leading Protestant churches of New York City. In its history of nearly fifty years the society has had but three presidents—President Hastings, of Union Theological Seminary, who was its founder; Dr. Howard Crosby, and Dr. Roderick Terry. And Dr. Remensnyder has now become its fourth president.

—Rev. Fred V. Christ, of the Western Theological Seminary, this month becomes the pastor of the mission at Kingsbridge and Fordham roads. Rev. Christ is a brother of Sister Jennie Christ, deaconess of the Church of the Atonement.

—Rev. G. U. Wenner, D. D., pastor of Christ Lutheran Church, New York City, was elected president of the Quill Club of that city, an association of prominent professional men.

—St. Paul's Church, West 123d street, Rev. F. H. Bosch, pastor, celebrated, May 10 to 12, the tenth anniversary of the building of its church edifice. Rev. Dr. J. J. Heischmann, of Brooklyn, preached the sermon at the Sunday morning service, and Rev. Dr. Hugo Hoffmann at the evening service. Monday evening was devoted to a service under the auspices of the young people's societies, and on Tuesday evening the social event occurred at which each society presented to the Church a gift of money aggregating more than $1,000.

—St. John's Church, Prospect avenue, Brooklyn, Rev. H. C. Wasmund, pastor, celebrated its fortieth anniversary with special services on Sunday, Monday and Tuesday, May 3 to 5. At the principal service, on Sunday morning, the anniversary sermon was preached by the Rev. F. W. Oswald, president of the New York Ministerium. In the afternoon a special Sunday School celebration took place, at which the speakers were the Rev. H. C. A. Meyer and the Rev. Dr. G. C. Berkemeier. At the evening service the preacher was the Rev. John Weyl.

On Monday evening the various societies connected with the church listened to addresses by the Rev. R. Schmidt, of Philadelphia, and the Rev. G. F. Blaesi, East New York. The Tuesday evening service was a reunion of all those who have been confirmed in the church, with a sermon by the Rev. F. H. Bosch, pastor of St. Paul's Church, Manhattan, former pastor. At the close of the service a reception was tendered the members and guests by the Ladies' Aid Society.

Within the last year and a half the church has paid a debt of $8,000, and installed a new organ, which cost $5,000.

The Luther League has made decided progress within the past year. About seven months ago the Topics were adopted and have proven successful. The League has agreed to contribute $7.50 to the General Secretary's Salary Fund.

Philadelphia.

—Efforts are being made to locate a German Seamen's Mission Home in this city. Werner Hagen, the Imperial German Consul at this port, is interested in the enterprise. About $6,000 will be needed to build a suitable house.

—The fortieth anniversary of the consecration of St. Johannis Church, Rev. Dr. A. Spaeth and Rev. R. Bielinski, pastors, was appropriately celebrated Sunday, May 10. The church building in anticipation of this anniversary has been completely renovated and materially beautified.

Washington.

—On May 17 to 19 there was a celebration of the sixty-fifth anniversary of St. Paul's Church, at Eleventh and H streets, Rev. John T. Hudle, pastor.

Pittsburgh.

—On Palm Sunday a new mission was opened in the Bloomfield district of this city. A Sunday School of forty members was organized.

San Francisco.

—The First English Lutheran congregation has unanimously called to its pastorate Rev. H. A. Ott, D. D., now pastor of St. John's Church, Salina, Kan.

Miscellaneous.

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—Rev. Charles L. Fry, of Philadelphia, the Literature Secretary of the Luther League of America, has received a call to become pastor of Trinity Lutheran Church, of Catasaqua, Pa., while he continues uninterruptedly his work as the Eastern representative of the General Council's forward movement in Church Extension. His new home will thus be located in the center of the Pennsylvania Ministerium's most populous territory, within easy reach of many towns.

—The well known Paxinosa Inn, on a mountain near Easton, Pa., has been bought by Lutherans. A college for young women will be opened there in September, 1909.

—The Luther Hospital Association of Eau Claire, Wis., United Norwegian Church, is erecting a hospital building to cost $48,000. A training school for nurses will also be established.

—The Concordia League, an organization of the laymen of the Missouri Synod, is busily engaged in raising funds to establish a college in Chicago. Over $15,000 has been raised. They propose establishing a school at some central point where all branches will be taught.

—Col. John F. Firch, of Coeur d'Alene, Idaho, will erect a new Home for the Aged in Erie, Pa. It is to cost $150,000, and be a memorial to his parents.

—Mr. H. S. Boner, manager of the Lutheran Publication Society of the General Synod, has been tendered a complimentary dinner in recognition of his thirty years connection with the business affairs of that organization and as a special evidence of appreciation is to be sent to Europe on a vacation trip.

—Rev. John A. Wirt, D. D., died suddenly on May 10. Dr. Wirt was pastor of St. John's Church, Des Moines, Ia.

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Treasurer's Statement Per Capita Account, October 29, 1906, to June 5, 1908.

Church of Ascension L. L., Philadelphia, Pa.	$8.00
Central District L. L., Philadelphia, Pa.....	5.00
First Lutheran Church L. L., Lima, Ohio....	2.00
St. Jacob's Church L. L., Miamisburg, Ohio..	3.00
Luther League Review.....	100.00
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Rochester, N. Y., June 6, 1908.

NEW YORK

—The annual convention of the Luther League of New York State will be held in Albany, July 7 to 9, 1908. The first session will be held on Tuesday afternoon, and the last on the Thursday morning following. The program is now complete. The convention motto selected is "Our Past, Present and Future." The president's address and annual report will be given at the first session. At the evening session there will be greetings by Rev. Oscar Krauch, of St. John's Church, and the mayor of Albany; response by President Rector, and convention sermon by the Rev. E. F. Keever, of Utica. At the third session, Wednesday morning, there will be papers on "The Achievements of the Past, Intensively," and "The Achievements of the Past, Extensively," the latter by Mr. Paul B. Mattice, and on "Our Weakness," by Miss Mary F. St. John, and a question box conducted by Rev. J. E. Heindel, president of the Luther League of New Jersey. In the afternoon a Model Luther League Meeting will be conducted by Rev. E. L. Tucker, of Syracuse, and a paper on "Our Strength" will be read by Miss Florence R. Stern, of Buffalo. The Grand Rally will occur on Wednesday evening, when the addresses will be: On "Modern Rationalism and Lutheran Faith," by Rev. C. N. Schuchard, Brooklyn; and, "The Unchanging Christ," by Rev. William Freas, Jr., New York. Papers, on "Its Dangers," by Charles M. Fritchler, Brooklyn, and "Its Prospects," by Rev. E. E. Fischer, Brooklyn, will occupy the last session.

New York City District.

—On Saturday, June 6, the District League held its annual outing at the Wartburg Orphans' Farm School, at Mt. Vernon. Immediately upon arrival at the school the visitors assembled in the commodious chapel, where greetings were exchanged and a short business session was held. Arrangements were announced for representations at the coming conventions of the New York State League and the Luther League of America, and routine business was transacted. The remainder of the afternoon was spent in visiting the buildings and roaming over the fields of the Farm School. Early in the evening supper was served under the stately old maples that shade the lawn.

—On Thursday evening, May 14, occurred the annual meeting of the Luther League of St. James' Church, Rev. Dr. Remensnyder, pastor. The following officers were elected: President, I. Searles Runyon; vice-president, Edwin Henes, Jr.; recording secretary, Louis Ver Eche; corresponding secretary, George C. Briner, 105 East Ninety-sixth street; treasurer, Miss Mabel Remensnyder. This League has been increasing its membership steadily for several years, and is now in a condition to accomplish much good work.

—The Luther League of St. Paul's Church, Port Chester, Rev. John Kopp, pastor, held its annual rally on Tuesday evening, May 19. The meeting was enthusiastic and inspiring. The pastor and president of the League conducted the service. Mr. William H. Rose, president of the District League of New York, made an address, complimenting the League upon its devotion and activity, referring especially to its fidelity to the District League. Rev. H. P. Miller, president of the District League of Brooklyn, spoke of Luther as a model for Leaguers. Mr. Carl Fritcheler, of Brooklyn, spoke of the Lutheran Church in its relation to the religious denominations. After the meeting a banquet was served under the direction of the entertainment committee, of which Miss Sophia Ponty is chairman. The League gave a reception to the

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—The Junior Luther League of the Church of the Atonement, Rev. F. H. Knuvel, pastor, has gathered $125 this year toward the church mortgage fund.

Albany and Susquehanna District.

—At the annual election of officers of the Luther League of the Church of the Redeemer, Binghamton, held on Wednesday evening, June 3, the following officers were elected: President, W. L. Bradt; vice-president, Charles Rector; recording secretary, Miss Frances Ingersall; corresponding secretary, Miss Anna Merritt; treasurer, Miss Lena Martin; organist, Miss Jessie Hopton; assistant organist, Miss Ruby Beckley. This League is in a very flourishing condition. New members are added at nearly every meeting. At the social, on June 3, $34 was received, one member of the League contributing $1 for every dollar received. The League is paying for the vestments for the choir. All money received in all departments of the church is by free will offerings only.

—The Luther League of the Church of the Redeemer, Albany, at its annual meeting elected the following officers: President, Fred W. Smith; vice-president, William Geisel; secretary, Miss M. E. Lehmann; treasurer, Fred. Cross. The League is making a determined effort to raise $200 toward the fund for a new church.

PENNSYLVANIA

—The Luther League of Pennsylvania will hold its annual convention at Erie, on Monday and Tuesday, August 10 and 11, beginning at 2 o'clock on Monday and closing with the evening session on Tuesday. The program, addresses and papers are as follows: Monday afternoon, "Our Centrals," presidents of Centrals; Monday evening, "Lutheranism and Public Morals," Mr. J. W. King; Tuesday morning, "The Junior Leagues of Today," "The Senior Leagues of Tomorrow," Mrs. S. W. Carpenter; "Practical Demonstration of Junior League Work," Mr. Frank Richter; Tuesday afternoon, "The Christian's Inner Light," Rev. A. T. Steunhauser; "The Christian's Light in the Church," Prof. O. F. Bert; "The Christian's Light in the World," returned missionaries; Tuesday evening, "The Cry of the City," Rev. A. J. D. Haupt, D. D.; "The Cry of Our Country," Rev. E. B. Burgess.

Philadelphia District.

—The spring convention of the Philadelphia District League was held in All Saints' Church, Germantown avenue and Cayuga street, Rev. H. E. Clare, pastor, on Tuesday evening, May 26. The service was introduced by the order of evening worship with processional hymn. The speaker of the evening was Rev. G. C. Loos, who offered "Some Suggestions for Employing the Energies of Our Young People." The address was timely and forceful. William McNair,

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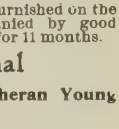

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president of the Luther League of Pennsylvania, also made an address.

—In the fiscal report of the Church of the Transfiguration, Rev. A. C. Carty, pastor, is an item showing the receipts of the Luther League to be $450.

Upper Lehigh Valley District.

—The twenty-eighth semi-annual convention of the Upper Lehigh Valley District Luther League will be held in St. John's Church, Mauch Chunk, Rev. W. M. Rehrig, pastor, Tuesday and Wednesday, June 23 and 24, 1908.

Berks County District.

—The fifty-ninth quarterly convention of the Berks County Luther League will be held in the Alsace Lutheran Church, Rev. Charles E. Kistler, pastor, on Friday, July 10, with sessions throughout the day. The subject for the day will be "Education," and among the speakers will be Rev. Dr. Haas, president of the Muhlenberg College, who will speak on "The College"; Rev. Dr. Horine, who will speak of "The Seminary," and Rev. Dr. G. W. Sandt, who will speak of "Lutheran Literature." Rev. Boyes, of Kutztown, will deliver an address in the evening on "Perfection of Knowledge." This District League is gaining new members and efforts are being made to revive some that have lost ground somewhat.

B. M. and C. District.

—The Luther League of Fricks is a strong and flourishing organization, conducting regular meetings in which the members take great interest and find much profit. A special feature of the work of this League is the maintaining of a course of lectures. The last was on "Twentieth Century Power," delivered by the Rev. W. L. Hunton, Ph. D., of Philadelphia, May 16. The large stone church, conspicuously situated on a hill in the country where it can be seen for many miles, seats fully 600 people.

Pittsburgh District.

—The most successful and enthusiastic convention of Pittsburgh District Luther League was held in St. James' Lutheran Church, South Side, Pittsburgh, the Rev. J. H. Keller, pastor, on May 12, 1908. "Religion," the keynote of the convention, was ably defined by the Rev. Ira M. Wallace, of Verona, Pa. The Rev. William J. Bucher, of Braddock, Pa., gave an exposition of the theme "Religious Force." A pleasing feature of the convention was the reading of three papers by laymen on the general theme, "The Luther League as a Religious Force": (1) "In the Home," by Miss Mattie Brown; (2) "In the Congregation," by Mr. Clyde Cloman; (3) "In the Community," by Mr. William McNair. The Rev. Jesse Le Roy Miller, of Youngstown, Ohio, followed with a paper on "The Luther League as a Religious Force in the World." At the evening session the Rev. J. Bradley Markward, of Wilkinsburg, gave an address on the subject, "Heart Religion." The various themes and papers were carefully and enthusiastically discussed. There was evident a disposition to go "to the bottom of things" in regard to the business of the League, which augurs well for future success. Rev. Luther M. Kuhns, the General Secretary, was present and gave a splendid address on "Luther League Work in Local Societies," emphasizing the use of Luther League literature.

There were present at this convention over 200 delegates and many visitors, the church being well filled all day. A feature of the convention was a session for the Juniors held in the Sunday school room in the afternoon.

The past few years have been characterized by a remarkable growth in League work, both in membership and interest in the Pittsburgh District. There are in this District 55 societies, representing a total membership of 2,332. These societies last year made offerings of $1,729.19. These figures show the Pittsburgh District League to be the largest in the State.

Pittsburgh will make a strong plea for the National Convention in 1910, as this convention will mark the fifteenth anniversary of the National League, organized in Pittsburgh.

The Rev. G. J. Gongaware, the Rev. J. Bradley Markward and Charles Fuhr, president of Pittsburgh Central, are the District's delegates to the National Convention. The delegates to the State Convention are the Rev. Robert W. Woods, Pittsburgh; Miss Vesta Stamm, Ellwood

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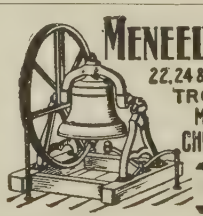
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The next convention of the Pittsburgh District League will take place in St. Peter's Lutheran Church, East End, Pittsburgh.

Mr. K. J. F. Wilharm, president of the Young People's Society of St. Peter's Church, East End, Pittsburgh, which joined the Pittsburgh District League at the May convention, has been appointed a member of the Extension Committee by President Fuhr, of the Central.

—The Young People's Society of St. Peter's German Lutheran Church had a series of important happenings last month. The second anniversary services were held on Sunday, May 3. The anniversary sermon was preached by the Rev. E. A. Trabert, of Christ's Church. The Rev. Jentsch, pastor of the church, made an address in German. On May 19 the membership contest closed with a banquet, given by the losing side, the "Golds," in honor of the winning side, the "Blues." About 175 members and friends of the society were present. Addresses were made by Mr. W. N. McNair, Rev. Trabert, Rev. Jentsch, and several members of the society. The next convention of the Pittsburgh Central will be held in their church.

Northwestern District.

—The annual convention of the District Luther League of Northwestern Pennsylvania will be held in Warren, Pa., June 28-30. It will be a union meeting the Northwestern Central and the Swedish District League of Warren, Zoe I. Hirt, Secretary.

DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA.

—The Luther League of the District of Columbia will hold its meeting in the Church of the Atonement, the Rev. I. O. Baker, pastor, on Friday, June 12. It is proposed at this meeting to elect delegates to the National Convention.

VIRGINIA.

—A Junior Luther League has been organized for the older children of the Lutheran Orphans' Home at Salem, and the "Junior Topics" have been adopted for the study course.

WEST VIRGINIA

—The Ohio Valley District Luther League meets in Zion's Lutheran Church, Wheeling, Rev. A. L. Benze, pastor, June 10. The topic of the convention is "Inner Missions."

GEORGIA

—The Luther League of the Lutheran Church of the Ascension, Savannah, gave a successful basket picnic to Ebenezer, a landing on the Savannah River, the first settlement of the Salzburgers in this country, on Wednesday, April 29, netting good results. The day was ideal and the trip was enjoyed. The places of interest visited by the picnickers were the historic church which was established by the Salzburgers, and the old cemetery, which was also used at that time.

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Cleveland District.

—A call has gone out for the co-operation of the Luther Leagues in Cleveland in the formation of a District League. Preliminary work on the organization has been done.

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INDIANA

—The Luther League of Mulberry gave a reception to the Easter confirmation class of thirteen on Friday evening, April 24, in the chapel. There were about fifty present. A literary program was rendered and light refreshments were served. All of the members of the class became active members of the League that evening.

ILLINOIS

Chicago District.

—Trinity Church, Chicago, Rev. David A. Davy, pastor, is contemplating the organization of an Intermediate Luther League, with special reference to the needs of the newly confirmed.

—On Easter Sunday the Luther League of Chicago, through the medium of about 100 Leaguers, distributed 1,000 carnations to the ward patients of the Augustana, Deaconess and Passavant hospitals. This was the result of the League's decision to devote the sum remaining from the collections taken for defraying expenses of the noonday Lenten services, together with contributions made by various Leagues, to bring a little Easter joy to the unfortunate ones in the Lutheran hospitals. To each individual

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April 19, 1908.

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IOWA

—The second annual convention of the Eastern District Luther League met at Burlington, April 29 and 30. A great many of the Lutheran churches in eastern Iowa were represented. The convention opened Wednesday evening at Bethany Church, with the Rev. Neumann presiding. The Rev. H. M. Leech delivered a very interesting sermon, followed by a reception for the delegates. Thursday morning and afternoon sessions were given up to papers and discussions on Luther League work. The Question Box, conducted by the Rev. A. B. Leamer, was very interesting and instructive.

The following officers for the coming year were elected: President, Rev. H. F. Martin; vice-president, George D. Koser; secretary, Miss Onalee Gable; treasurer, O. Hamann.

The convention closed with an address by the Rev. Dr. G. H. Gerberding on "Our Heritage." He spoke very encouragingly for the Lutheran Church and its work, and his address was received with much interest. The excellent music and the splendid entertainment of the delegates were features of the convention. The next convention will be held at Cedar Rapids.

MINNESOTA.

—St. John's Luther League, Stacy, held its annual business meeting May 3, when the following officers were elected: President, Mrs. J. S. McCurdy; vice-president, Mr. Francis Waller; secretary, Miss Matilda Frenning; treasurer, Miss Martha Alm. The secretary reported the reception of seven new members last year. Regular meetings were held every two weeks and there were five extra evening meetings. The meetings are held Sunday afternoons after Sunday school. The Sundays on which no regular service is held the "Luther League Topics" are used, and found to be a great help. The young people who attend the League meetings are always to be depended upon in all church work. They have been raising funds for a new organ for the church and expect to have it in a few weeks.

SOUTH DAKOTA

—The Young People's Society of Nordland Lutheran Church was organized April 19, 1908, and has a membership of thirty-three. This society is gradually extending its influence and increasing its membership. Mr. Ed. Lewis, president of the society, made an address on Sunday evening, May 10, in which he referred in impressive terms to the benefits the Young People's Society has brought to the church, awakening her young people to a sense of their obligation and privilege, and inspiring them to work in unity for the advancement of God's kingdom in the Lutheran Church. The following officers were elected May 19: President, Mr. Ed. Lewis; vice-president, Mr. Jacob Boyd; secretary and treasurer, Mr. Nelson Boyd; organist, Miss Anna Luvis; program committee, Miss Sarah Austin, Miss Anna Olson and Miss Anna Luvis.

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CONNECTICUT

—The Young People's Society of Trinity German Lutheran Church, Hartford, celebrated the anniversary of the birthday of its pastor, Rev. Ed. Quade, on May 26. There were music and addresses of congratulation. On June 4 the society celebrated its fourth anniversary by a service in Unity Hall. Visitors were present from the Luther Leagues in Hartford, Middletown and New Britain. Rev. Quade extended greetings and congratulations and made a strong appeal for continued united and faithful service. Rev. L. Brunke, of Middletown, complimented the society upon its rapid growth. Rev. M. Gaudian, of New Britain, enjoined zealous work upon all the young people. A fine musical program was given under the leadership of Professor Gebhardi. Literary entertainment and refreshments were also provided.

CALIFORNIA

Central California District.

—The fifth convention of Central California District Luther League met in Bethel Lutheran Church, San Jose, Rev. Emil Meyer, pastor, on May 26, 1908. The representation from the various Leagues was not large. However, the convention was highly profitable. Rev. C. G. Stacy, of Chicago, contributed to its success. The following topics were discussed in papers and speeches: "The League; Retrospective, Introspective and Prospective"; "The League Aiding the Church"; "Why Should All Lutheran Young People's Societies Be Luther Leagues?", and "The League and the Bible." During the year the District League had been supporting two young boys in our Mission Schools in India. It was resolved to continue this form of work another year. Rev. and Mrs. E. Meyer were elected to represent the League at the National Luther League Convention in Chicago in August. The new officers for next year are: President, Rev. W. E. Crouser, San Jose; recording secretary, Rev. O. H. Gruver, Oakland; corresponding secretary, Mr. Myron Hestorff, Salinas; treasurer, Mr. J. A. Bohn, Oakland. The evening Rally closed this successful convention. It was a pleasure to meet with Rev. Meyer and congregation in their newly dedicated church and enjoy their generous hospitality.

O. H. G., Secretary.

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Official Call for the Eighth National Convention

Chicago, August 11th, 12th and 13th, 1908

In accordance with the cordial invitation extended at the Seventh National Convention at Canton, Ohio, the Eighth National Convention of The Luther League of America will be held in Chicago, Illinois. After conferring with the local committee, the Executive Committee has designated August 11, 12, 13, 1908, as the time for holding the convention.

REPRESENTATION.

Any society, of whatever name, connected with a Lutheran congregation or a Lutheran institution of learning, and District and State organizations whose admission shall have been recommended by the Committee on Credentials, are entitled to membership, with representation as follows: Each society admitted to membership shall be entitled to one delegate, each District League to three delegates, and each State or Territorial organization to ten delegates. Delegates to the Convention are expected and required to present properly certified credentials.

CREDENTIALS.

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GENERAL INFORMATION.

The arrangement of the program is in charge of a sub-committee of the Executive Committee. As soon as possible announcement will be made relative to the program through THE REVIEW.

In an early number of THE REVIEW the Committee on Transportation will publish information regarding rates.

Particulars as to hotels and other local arrangements will be furnished in due season by the local convention committee.

The LUTHER LEAGUE REVIEW will furnish official information each month in regard to the Convention, and after the Convention will publish a Convention Number containing full reports of the proceedings.

By direction of the Executive Committee,

LUTHER M. KUHNS,
General Secretary of the Luther League of America.

WM. C. STOEVER,
President of the Luther League of America.

June and Our Juniors

DEPARTMENT EDITED BY REV. C. E. HAUPT, D.D., LANCASTER, PA.

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A June Memory Verse, Gal. 6:10—As we have therefore opportunity let us do good unto all.

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THOUGHTS.

The Leagues may increase in number and the number of members may increase, but the true development in value, power and influence depends upon the advance of the souls that compose them.

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